

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An application preparation assisting method for assisting in preparing an application for making a document-based application to a public organization, comprising the steps of:

acquiring information on a world-wide standard which defines contents that should be described in said application;

acquiring information on a standard unique to each country which is defined in detail in conformity to said world-wide standard, and information on published applications and examinations unique to each country; and

assisting in preparing application documents based on said acquired information on the world-wide standard, information on the standard unique to each country, and information on the application and examination.

2. An application preparation assisting method according to claim 1, further comprising:

preparing and converting the application documents for a certain country to comply with an application format or examination conditions in said country.

3. An application preparation assisting method according to claim 1, further comprising:

acquiring information on documents which have been applied in a certain country, and information on

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documents which have accepted permission from said country as a result of examinations after application; and

assisting in preparing an application for another country with reference to said information on the documents.

4. An application preparation assisting method according to claim 1, further comprising:

electronically submitting the prepared application documents to perform electronic application processing.

5. An application preparation assisting method according to claim 1, further comprising:

recording an entire manipulation procedure of an operator for preparing an application with the assistance of application preparation as log information so that the log information can be viewed at a later time.

6. An application preparation assisting system for assisting in preparing an application for making a document-based application to a public organization, comprising:

means for acquiring and utilizing information on a world-wide standard which defines contents that should be described in said application;

means for acquiring and utilizing information on a standard unique to each country which is defined in detail in conformity to said world-wide standard,

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and information on published applications and examinations unique to each country; and

means for assisting in preparing application documents based on said acquired information on the world-wide standard, information on the standard unique to each country, and information on the application and examination.

7. An application preparation assisting system according to claim 6, further comprising:

means for preparing and converting the application documents for a certain country to comply with an application format or examination conditions in said country.

8. An application preparation assisting system according to claim 6, further comprising:

means for acquiring information on documents which have been applied in a certain country, and information on documents which have accepted permission from said country as a result examinations after application,

wherein said means for assisting in preparing application documents prepares an application for another country with reference to said information on the documents.

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